

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2048 - SB 2713

February 16, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits hospitals to add additional beds to a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) without obtaining a certificate of need (CON).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-1607(g) a hospital can increase its total number of beds in any bed category, including NICUs, by ten percent or less of its licensed capacity without obtaining a CON.
- Based on information provided by the Health Services and Development Agency (HSDA), the HSDA has not received any applications for an increase in NICU beds since Public Chapter 1043 of 2016, which revised various provisions governing CON, was implemented. The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on their programs or operations; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), there may be a slight increase in hospital requests to increase the number of beds in their existing NICU. These expansions may increase the number of construction plans to be reviewed; however, any increase in expenditures to the DOH can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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